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Letter dated 17 June 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of my Government, I am writing to inform the United Nations Security Council that the Sudan has just taken a further step in its malicious campaign to destabilize Chad. Moving ahead with its planned aggression, the Sudan this morning launched a ground and air attack on the localities of Addé and Bakout, situated near the border between the two countries. Sudanese soldiers and the sinister Janjaweed, supported by two helicopters, tried to occupy positions held by the Chadian army but were driven back.

By openly sending its army and air assets into Chadian territory, Khartoum has thrown off the mask disguising its aggression against our country. The line thus crossed by the Sudanese authorities has the advantage of clarifying the situation for anyone still harbouring doubts about Khartoum's responsibility for the successive attacks against Chad, including the clashes that began on 11 June 2008.

Having suffered since 2005 from the Sudanese aggression, which has gone unpunished, Chad is yet again submitting a complaint to the Security Council. It asks the Council to forcefully condemn the belligerent and unacceptable conduct of the Sudanese Government — which is fanning instability and insecurity in Chad and elsewhere in the subregion, thereby posing a threat to peace and security as defined in the Charter of the United Nations — and to urge the Sudanese Government to stop its aggression against Chad.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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